

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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The present invention is directed to a A performance data editing system, which is embodied within is actualized by a computer system (or electronic musical instrument) which is equipped with a display and a mouse. The system initially The present invention provides a score window containing various types of execution icon layers onto which execution icons (representing musical symbols such as bend-up/down, grace-up/down, dynamics, glissando, tremolo) are attached and arranged in conformity with a progression of a musical tune on a screen of the display. Each of the layers layer can be is independently controlled in response to various commands such as display on, small scale display, display off and vertical rearrangement. The system present invention further allows a user (or music editor) to select desired execution icons from an icon select palette that provides lists of execution icons which are registered in advance. In addition, the system also present invention allows the a user to modify parameters of a specific icon which is selected from among the execution icons attached onto the score window. That is, the user opens an icon modify window to change parameters of the specific icon with the mouse. Further, the system provides the user with a simple operation for deletion of execution related data from performance data. That is, when When a the user performs drag-and-drop operations on a certain execution icon to move it outside of a prescribed display area (e.g., layer window) of the score window, the system automatically deletes icon is deleted along with the corresponding execution-related data from the performance data. Thus, it is possible to improve performability and efficiency in editing performance data by using icons with simple operations and without errors.